

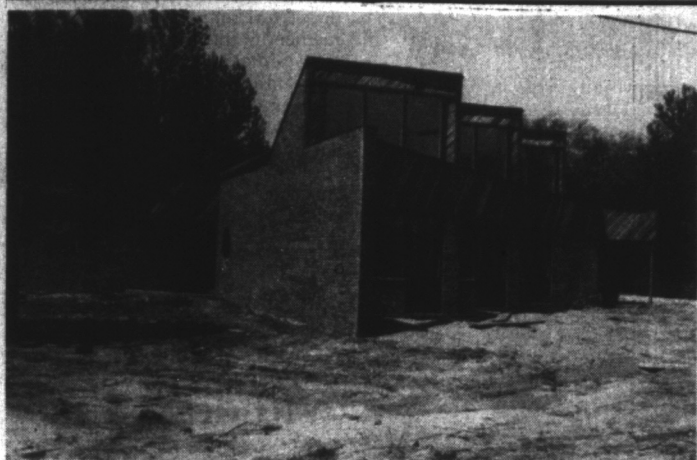
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Seminary Dedication

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary, 3160 Lynch Street, Jackson, announces dedication services and open house for the T. B. Brown Administration Building and the W. P. Davis Library and Learning Center to be held on Friday, May 30, 1980 at 12:30 p. m.

According to the president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Richard Brogan, the 4,100 square foot facility, built and furnished for \$235,000, will provide attractive and modern spaces for the 40-year-old institution which teaches ministers and lay persons.

The new facility will house the administrative offices, academic records, and library for the Seminary system which operates 28 extensive centers across the state. More than 1,000 persons participated in 1979-80 school year. Persons trained at the Seminary since the beginning number 40,140.

The Seminary is operated as a bi-racial ministry of National and Southern Baptists. The trustees, faculty, staff and financial resources are provided by these two predominantly black and white Baptist denominational bodies in Mississippi.

The public is invited to participate in the dedication and open house activities on Friday, May 30.

Foreign Mission Board Appoints Mississippians

A number of persons with Mississippi ties have been appointed missionaries to the Foreign Mission Board.

Landon and Nelda Jones will work in South Brazil where he will be a seminary teacher. He once was an assistant waste control chemist in Yazoo City, Miss. She has taught at Yazoo City High School.

James O. Hare and his wife Gloria, will serve in South Brazil where he will be a social worker. He was born in Gulfport, Miss.

Dennis and Janet Brotherton will serve in South Korea where he will be a general evangelist. Mrs. Brotherton is the former Janet Miller and was born in Greenville, Miss.

Samuel and Nancy Carmack will work in Equatorial Brazil where he will be a general evangelist. She lived for a time in Indianola, Miss., while growing up.

Gerry Odom will work in Taiwan as an elementary teacher. She lived in Washington, Miss., while growing up.

Rogers Declines Second Term As SBC President

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — Adrian Rogers declared May 6 that he will not seek a second one-year term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention because of pressing church and personal responsibilities.

"After much prayer and heart searching, I have decided not to allow my name to be placed in nomination for a second term" at the 1980 SBC meeting in St. Louis, the 48-year-old pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, told Baptist Press, the SBC news service, in an exclusive interview.

"As much as I love my denomination, my church is still my first responsibility," Rogers said, speaking in quiet, measured tones. "There are pressing duties and vast opportunities I face as pastor of Bellevue. Our church is in a period of growth unprecedented in its history. These are days, therefore, that I want to maximize for my church."

"Also, I desire more time to spend with personal pursuits, such as quality family time and writing," he said.

Rogers said he faced no pressure from his church, which has been served by two SBC presidents before him, nor from any other quarter of the 13.4 million-member SBC.

He emphasized that his decision had nothing to do with controversy which has swirled around him since a biblical inerrancy group headed by Paige Patterson of Dallas and Paul Pressler of Houston pushed for his election last year in Houston.

"That's something I want to make abundantly clear," he told Baptist Press. "I am sure that there will be all kinds of theories as to why I have done what I have done, but I have done it exactly according to the statement I have made."

"I just really wanted to be clear with the Lord and I think this afternoon (Tuesday, May 6) is about as soon as I have come to a point of clearness," he said. "I don't want to be wrong, and I

have tried prayerfully and honestly to make this decision."

He said he did not try for any specific timing on his announcement but did want "to get the word out in enough time so that people will have time to think of whomever they wish to nominate."

"The decision I have made in my mind is final," he said when asked if any conditions could exist which would make him reconsider.

He also responded that he would "absolutely not" be actively involved in the selection of a successor and he declined to speculate on who might be nominated.

Asked about what direct involvement he would have in any issues facing Southern Baptists at the SBC in St. Louis, June 10-12, he said that he would become involved in "no way other than what I might say in my presidential address. As a good moderator I would try to be fair and balanced."

Besides noting the church and personal responsibilities, Rogers' statement declared that he felt his election in Houston was "in the will of God." He said he has "received joy and fulfillment through serving the denomination this way."

"I have made many new friends and have come to a greater appreciation of many of our top leaders," he said. "They have given me full cooperation. The letters and statements of love and support from the grassroots of our great denomination also have been warmly assuring to me," he said.

"My desire for the denomination," his statement continued, "would be a spirit of love and revival that would help us solve any differences there may be in our constituency. I pray that Southern Baptists will forever be committed to God's Word as truth without any mixture of error and unswervingly committed to missions and evangelism."

In response to a question, Rogers said the recent report of a plan by the Patterson-Pressler group to take con-

trol of the SBC by controlling SBC presidential elections over the next 10 years had no bearing on his decision not to run.

He said that his decision process began during recuperation from gall bladder surgery in a Memphis hospital

last February. "I had a good clear feeling as I meditated and prayed with the Lord about it and that was prior to my knowledge that Paige Patterson, and Paul Pressler were holding continuing meetings," Rogers said.

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"Dizzy's" Widow Gives Home To Village



"Dizzy" Dean



Paul Nunnery and Mrs. "Dizzy" Dean.

Mrs. Patricia Nash Dean of Wiggins has contributed her home and adjacent lands, near Bond, to The Baptist Children's Village for its future use as a group care home. The gift is subject to a life estate, reserved for the benefit of Mrs. Dean and her sisters, Leona Nash Hunnicutt of San Antonio, Texas, and Ruth D. Cox of Ocala, Florida.

Paul N. Nunnery, executive director of The Children's Village, said the gift includes a large residence, occupied as a home for 10 years by Mrs. Dean and her late husband, Jay Hanna "Dizzy" Dean, legendary major league baseball pitcher and television personality, and approximately 25 acres of adjacent land. Nunnery said the facility is suitable for group child care use without alteration.

He added the property is conveniently accessible to public school and churches.

In his announcement, Nunnery said that the residence, in its present condition, could be put to effective use in the custodial care of as many as 15 boys and girls in a Village group home, which he described as an "off-campus cottage."

Operating policies at The Children's Village provide for the ownership and operation of single-unit residences in areas located at a distance from Village residential centers, or "campus," which generally include a number of

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Raikes, Flake Celebration: "Once In A Lifetime"

A meeting of celebration, honor and recognition, the COMMEMORATION will be held at the City Auditorium, Jackson, on Thursday, May 22 for 6:45 to 9:30 p.m.

It will be a "once in a lifetime" observance because it may be another one or two hundred years before another recognition of the Sunday School movement is conducted.

The Mississippi Sunday School department, Bryant Cummings, director, is planning the statewide RAIKES AND FLAKE COMMEMORATION not only to pay tribute to the initial efforts of Robert Raikes in the 1780's but to honor and recognize Arthur Flake (1862-1952) a former member of First Baptist Church, Winona, where he served as Sunday School superintendent and developed "Flake's For-

mula," a five-point growth and enlargement plan that has been utilized by Southern Baptists for many years.

The RAIKES AND FLAKE May 22 meeting will feature Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Church, Houston Texas as key speaker. Harry Piland, director of the Sunday School department, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, will present a feature depicting the plan for enrolling over 8,000,000 in the SBC by 1985. The state Sunday School Department will also present projections for enrolling 386,000 by 1985.

A. V. Washburn will present a feature on the program. Washburn was director of the Sunday School Department in Nashville and retired in 1977. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-



Piland

Washburn



Chafin

Branham

treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will discuss the Flake historical plaques being developed by the Sunday School Board, the Historical Commission, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Long time Sunday School officers and teachers present at the meeting will be recognized with over 25 years of tenure and workers and members with over five years perfect attendance in Sunday School will be recognized.

A special multi-media drama, written by Gene Hendrix, education director, First, Clinton will show the historical view of Raikes and Flake in Sunday School development.

Music for the RAIKES AND FLAKE meeting will be led by Martha Branham, Dallas, Tex., Christian soloist. Pianist-accompanist for the evening will be Chuck Endsley, artist-in-residence, Calvary Church, Jackson.

The RAIKES AND FLAKE COMMEMORATION is planned by the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School staff.

Board Leases IBM Mag Card Composer

Decisions to lease IBM magnetic card composition equipment for use by departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and to provide lighting for the Baptist Building parking lot were made by the board's Executive Committee last week.

The IBM Mag Card Composer will be rented for \$498 per month on a six-month basis. The cost will be charged to fund balance. It will allow in-house typesetting of a number of materials.

The parking lot lights will be installed by Mississippi Power and Light Company, and that expense will be charged to fund balance. The cost for installation, maintenance, and the monthly bills will be approximately \$80 per month, it was reported.

In other actions the committee authorized the employment of T. Timothy Thomas as Baptist Student Union director for the Gulf Coast Junior College District, effective July 1, and also approved Guy Bass, pastor of First Baptist Church, Sledge, as director of missions for Quitman As-

sociation. A number of replacements were approved for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to fill vacancies on unexpired terms. The Executive Committee is authorized to fill such vacancies until the convention.

Frank Lay, pastor at Ingomar, replaces Lawrence Runnels for a term expiring in 1981. Ray Pridgen, pastor at Friendship in Pike Association, replaces Jimmy McGee for a term expiring in 1981. Mike Mitchell, pastor at Jayess, replaces Ken Marlar for a term expiring in 1982. W. C. Spears, pastor at Isola, replaces Terry Campbell for a term expiring in 1981. Lowrey Compere, retired president of Clarke College, replaces David Sellers for a term expiring this year.

Larry Easley of the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company reported the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board passed its audit with its books in perfect order (an unqualified audit).

James Street, chairman of the committee, presided.

Patterson To Withdraw From Election Effort

DALLAS (BP) — Pastor W. A. Criswell of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, said May 8, that his associate, Paige Patterson, will withdraw from the leadership of a movement aimed at electing presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention and controlling nominations of the trustees of SBC agencies.

Although the Dallas pastor praised Patterson's commitment to the effort and his zeal to keep SBC institutions "true to the Word of God in its credibility, infallibility and inerrancy," he said the methods used by Patterson are "those of a different world" that Baptists traditionally disdain.

For the last two years, Patterson,

president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and others have led a convention-wide organizational effort to insure election of an SBC president committed to biblical inerrancy. They have charged that the denominational is drifting toward "liberalism."

Patterson recently unveiled the latest plan to attempt to elect the SBC president for at least four consecutive years, possibly as many as ten.

He told the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptist state newspaper, in an interview, April 14, that he had kept Criswell "fully" informed about his organization's efforts.

But the hue and cry over the news accounts of those efforts and Patter-

son's naming of seven persons he accused of liberal teachings prompted a meeting, Tuesday night, May 6, at First Baptist Church, Dallas, which sponsors the Criswell Center.

The meeting was of the present chairman and six former chairmen of deacons at the church, who have been something of an executive committee since Criswell's heart attack in January.

No formal vote was taken, but the expression of the men was reportedly 4 to 3 in favor of Patterson withdrawing from his political involvement.

Criswell said Patterson's future involvement would be "resolved" and

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Baptist Men From First, Brandon Build Two Garages At Central Hills

By Dan West
Baptist Men from First Baptist Church, Brandon, are building two buildings at Central Hills Baptist Retreat. Plans for the project began several months ago. Schedules were arranged and materials were gathered. A group of men who had been involved in several volunteer mission construction projects committed themselves to Central Hills.

In three days, April 24-26, 1980, the group of 27 men formed and poured two slabs and raised the roof on one

building. They completed the walls on the second. If it had not been for a fierce thunderstorm on Friday they would have completed both buildings.

At 21' x 70' open garage will provide shelter for all of the disaster relief equipment. It also has a storage room at the rear. The other building is a 45' x 50' maintenance garage for Central Hills equipment.

These men came to Central Hills Baptist Retreat at their own expense. They provided their own equipment

and tools. They worked as a team in genuine Christian fellowship. The workday began at 7 a.m. and ended at dark. They provided their own food. The cook team led by Fred McCrory provided nourishing and delightful meals for the crew. Paul Hill and Marshall Jeffers assisted McCrory.

The work crew was led by Sonny Quinn and Hayes Graves. The group was organized out of the Baptist Men's Unit of the church's Brotherhood

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Baptist men from Brandon pour slabs and raise walls at Central Hills.



President Rogers Announces Committee on Committees

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — Jerry Glisson, pastor of Leewood Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., has been named chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Committees by SBC President Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Glisson is one of 52 persons, including 17 lay persons and 35 church or denominational persons, announced by Rogers. They come from 26 state Baptist conventions qualifying for SBC representation. The committee will meet in St. Louis just before the SBC meeting there, June 10-12, to name the SBC Committee on Boards.

That Committee on Boards, which

will be listed in the bulletin at the SBC in St. Louis, will convene after the St. Louis meeting to compile a list of nominees for positions on boards of trustees of SBC agencies to be voted on at the 1981 SBC meeting in Los Angeles.

The Committee on Boards named in St. Louis will consist of 52 persons, equally divided between lay persons and church or denominational persons, with one lay person and one church or denominational person from each of the 26 state conventions qualifying for SBC representation.

The Committee on Committees members in Mississippi announced by

Rogers were Russell Bush, Sr., lay member, First Church, Columbia; and Joe McKeever, pastor, First Church, Columbus.

BP Associate To Join FMB News Team

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Robert J. O'Brien, news editor for the national office of Baptist Press in Nashville for the past seven years, will join the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff to coordinate planning for an intensified program of overseas news coverage.

O'Brien, expected to join the staff about mid-July, will help plan the new program during his first year at the board and then move overseas for about two years to conduct a pilot news project in a region to be selected.

The plan involves the use of professional journalists in strategic regional locations overseas to report news firsthand and work with missionary press representatives in the 94 Southern Baptist mission fields.

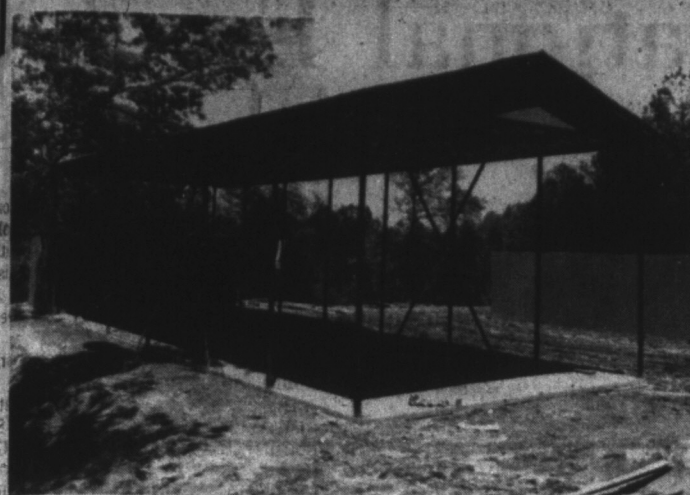
In his new assignment, O'Brien will be overseas news coordinator and special correspondent for the board's news and information services, which serves as the foreign news bureau of Baptist Press, and also will relate closely to other departments in the board's new office of communications.

O'Brien, 40, a native of Southern Carolina, has more than 21 years experience in secular and Southern Baptist journalism. As BP news editor he has supervised news coverage of the denomination's news service, coordinating work with six BP bureaus and other news sources and relations with secular and religious media.

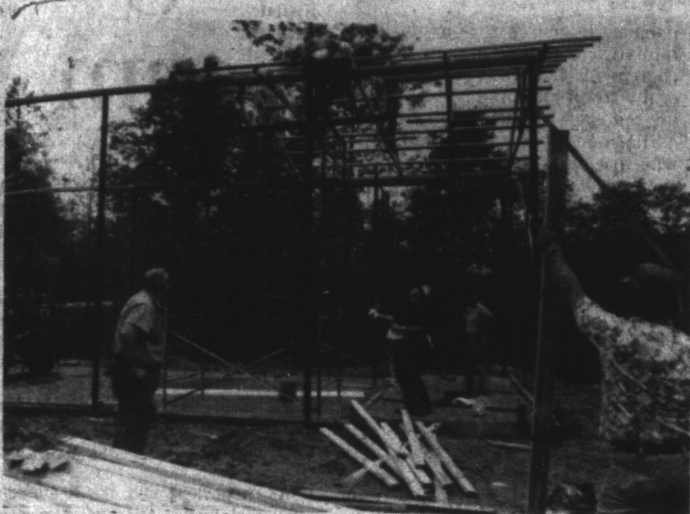
Each year he has set up and managed the newsroom at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, and this year will also direct coverage of the Religious Communications Congress/1980 in Nashville in May and the 14th Baptist World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in July in Toronto, Canada.

O'Brien joined the SBC Executive Committee in 1973 as BP news editor after eight years in denominational journalism posts and nearly seven years as a reporter and editor for metropolitan daily newspapers.

Denominational work included five years (1968-73) at the Baptist General Convention of Texas, where he was press director and associate chief of the Dallas bureau of BP, and three years (1965-68) at the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn., as assistant editor of Royal Ambassador boys' magazines.



One garage will shelter disaster relief equipment.



Maintenance garage will hold equipment for Central Hills Retreat.

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Rogers has declared he has no involvement in such efforts. "Their approach is not the way I would go about it," he said in response to a question, "yet I believe that we as Baptists need to be very, very careful that we don't judge the heart motivation of anyone and that we give everyone the right to express his heart and convictions. I believe in the integrity of these men."

He did admit that he has not enjoyed the "negative" aspects of his term of office. "I am basically the kind of person who enjoys something positive rather than something that is negative," he said.

But he characterized his year as SBC president as "basically positive."

"I have received far, far more positive affirmation than I have negativity. There has indeed been some negativity, but it has come from a very small segment of the denomination," he said, noting that negativity "is a matter of the past... just a matter of history."

He emphasized that he feels that two

years as SBC president is a reasonable term for a person to serve, but not in his case. "I feel that though my election was the will of God, but I had not planned for it and it was not the most advantageous time for me to serve the two full years," he said.

"We are really in a period of unprecedented growth here," he said of the 10,500-member Bellevue Church from which his two predecessors, R. G. Lee and Ramsey Pollard, served as SBC president. Lee, the past president constitutionally able to serve more than two years, was a third-time SBC president, 1949-52. Pollard served two terms, 1960-61.

"For example," he said of Bellevue, "this past Sunday we had almost 50 additions, baptized 21 and had almost 4,000 in Bible study. We're just moving into new facilities (the result of a nearly completed \$4.7 million building campaign) and are making a lot of reorganizational gains. As much as I love my denomination, my church is still my first responsibility."

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Ministry. Al Benton is Brotherhood director. Phil Phillips and Hayes Graves are missions chairmen.

Church staff members involved in the project were Jim Dillake, minister of education and Farley Earnest, minister of music. Assistance was given the group by Dan West, manager of the faculty, and Rusty Griffin, state R.A. consultant and coordinator of disaster relief ministries. Rusty is a member of the Brandon church.

Regardless of the delay caused by the weather the degree of completion of the project is incredible. A group of dedicated, determined men on mission can do great things. According to one of the men, "This gives us more pleasure than anything else we could do."

The Brandon team plans to finish the project on Saturdays.

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Patterson "will be a part of the resolving. After a little while you will never hear of it again."

Patterson was hospitalized with a pneumonia-like ailment at Baylor University Medical Center and was unavailable for comment.

A statement concerning the situation was made by Charles Bristow, business manager, First Baptist Church, Dallas. He said:

"W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas; Bill G. Grubbs, chairman of the fellowship of deacons and Charles Tandy, president of the board of trustees of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, in order to counter false rumors and confusing media accounts, issued the following statement: 'We express our total unqualified and enthusiastic support for the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, with its president, Paige Patterson, and with its faculty and administration. We are in total support of that for which the Criswell Center firmly and unapologetically stands — that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible word of God.'

"We will aid, support, and encourage the efforts of Dr. Patterson as he continues to give dynamic and capable leadership to the Criswell Center in the years to come as he has in years past. As for our state and national conventions and as for the institutions our association of churches support, we commend them all to the grace of God. We love them and pray for them, believing that God will keep them and us true to the Baptist Faith and Message. As comrades in a common determination to win our world for Christ, we pledge our every support."

Cothen Working After Surgery

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Sunday School Board President Grady C. Cothen returned to his office Monday morning, May 5, for the first time in six weeks following surgery in which 70 percent of his stomach was removed.

Cothen will work on a part-time basis, until his strength returns enough for him to be in the office on a full-time basis. He said his physicians told him he should be able to function normally as soon as his metabolism and system adapt to results of the surgery.

Cothen plans to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in June and expects to address the Pastors' Conference as scheduled.

BWA Offers Funds To Move Mrs. Tolbert

WASHINGTON (BP) — In a cable to Samuel Doe, new head of state in Liberia, the Baptist World Alliance has offered to take responsibility for moving Victoria Tolbert, wife of the late President William Tolbert, to another country.

As of May 6, the BWA headquarters in Washington had received no response from its May 1 cable to Master Sgt. Doe who led a coup against Tolbert, April 12. The coup resulted in the assassination of Tolbert and others.

Mrs. Tolbert was jailed immediately following the coup but later was returned home under house arrest, the BWA said.

Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary, said the Alliance's offer was in keeping with a proposal by Cyril Black of London who agreed to underwrite the cost of such a move.

Tolbert was president of the BWA, 1965-70, and was also a Baptist minister and president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention.

The telegram to Doe said: "We are pleased to learn of progress toward normalization of life in Liberia, and continue to pray for the peace and well-being of all peoples there. In the name of mercy, we offer to settle Mrs. Victoria Tolbert in England, the United States, or some other country."

Southern Baptists have active mission work in Liberia and the BWA is currently involved in three relief and development projects within the country. A vocational training school has been built at Kwendin, and is operating with an enrollment of 275. Supplemental funding is being given a child health center at Nimba.

A BWA immunization project is in the third and final phase of a program aimed at immunizing all children against six childhood diseases. Robert A. Hingson, founder-director of Brother's Brother Foundation, and leader of this program, hopes to complete the project under the new government. It was a cooperative project with the Liberian Ministry of Health.

Rogers, Others Visit Begin In Washington

By Norman Jameson
WASHINGTON (BP) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin courteously received six evangelical Christian pastors who met with him in Washington to share their personal faith.

Adrian Rogers, Southern Baptist Convention president who was among the six, said the 40 minutes spent with Begin "was one of the most significant opportunities that I've ever had to witness for the Lord Jesus."

The group, which included Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Atlanta, was selected by Jerry Falwell who had been invited through the Israel embassy to assemble a group to meet with Begin. Falwell, founder of the Old Time Gospel Hour and pastor of the independent Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., is an outspoken supporter of Israel and has met with Begin four times in Israel.

Rogers said the group intended to show Begin their concern for Israel, to tell him they were praying for peace, "and to bear witness to him of God's love for him and our love for him and

for the nation of Israel." Rogers said the group did not have a chance to address the question of religious freedom in Israel, especially concerning a recent law that may be interpreted as a limitation of evangelical efforts.

Rogers felt, however, that Begin had a better understanding of evangelical Christians after the meeting. Falwell said that things are improving in Israel for Christian witness, and if Begin had total authority they would improve even more.

"We were careful to make a distinction between ourselves as evangelicals and the National Council and World Council of Churches, that have not always had a pro-Israel stance," Rogers said. "We also tried to make a distinction between a Bible-believing Christian and erstwhile crusaders and others who had persecuted Israel."

Also in the meeting were James Kennedy, pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Greg Dixon, pastor of Indianapolis Baptist Temple; and Wendell Zimmerman, editor of the Baptist Bible Tribune in Jacksonville, Fla.

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such cottage/residences.

Such group homes offer the children under care all service, security, and protection advantages of campus life without institutional structure and many of the other abnormalities necessarily attendant upon group care of children outside their natural homes, Nunnery declared.

In a resolution formally accepting the gift and expressing appreciation for Mrs. Dean's generosity, the Village

belief that The Baptist Children's Village is best qualified and equipped to realize her purpose.

In expressing his reaction to the gift, Nunnery said:

"The story of Pat and 'Dizzy' Dean and the joy which 'Dizzy,' inspired, supported, and sustained by Pat, brought to three generations of sports-minded youngsters is well known to every Mississippian. Because of the modesty and humility of Mrs. Dean, the

U. S. House Clears Refugee Act For President's Signature

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist concerns for the admission and resettlement of refugees in the United States were served as the House of Representatives cleared the Refugee Act of 1980 for action by the president.

The measure (S.643), which initially passed in the Senate and House last year, triples the number of refugees which can be admitted annually, broadens the definition of persons qualifying as refugees, and provides a more uniform basis for the provision of assistance to refugees.

The House vote on the conference report was 207-192 in favor of the measure, one week after it had been approved by the Senate.

The act provides for the admission of 50,000 refugees for fiscal years 1980-82

and authorizes the president to increase that quota, after consultation with Congress, should conditions warrant it.

The final version of the act provides for refugees to be admitted conditionally as refugees with a retroactive adjustment of their status to lawful permanent residents after one year.

The act also creates an office of refugee resettlement within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, which will administer resettlement programs directly and through other agencies.

Resettlement programs are authorized for three years and will be administered jointly by the State Department and HEW during 1980-81. At

the beginning of fiscal year 1982, the contracting authority will be transferred to HEW unless the president deems otherwise on the basis of a study to be completed by March 1981.

The act authorizes \$200 million annually for fiscal years 1980-82 for refugee services, including English language training, employment and social services training and health, social and educational services.

Southern Baptists provided resettlement for more than 3,300 refugees during 1979 and presently have a backlog of more than 100 churches waiting to assist refugees.

(Chesser is a staffer on the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.)

Hotel Space Still Available For BWA

The Baptist World Alliance announced that hotel space is still available in downtown Toronto for delegates attending the Baptist World

Luther Rice, Criswell Center Begin Merger Discussions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla.,

Criswell Center, affiliated with the First Baptist Church, Dallas, is acce-

which would remain non-accredited." Luther Rice has no current accredita-

Support, Interest Grow

By Don McGregor

In the midst of gathering clouds at Clarke College, suddenly the sun is shining through.

Less than a year ago a survey was recommended to suggest ways of helping Clarke to be better able to minister; and people were saying, "What's wrong?"

Now support has become stronger, and prospective student interest has picked up.

During this calendar year the annual fund drive at Clarke has been responsible for \$128,000 in cash in general contributions and scholarship funds. In addition to that, student applications for next fall stood at 73 last week, which was a great deal better than the 46 for the same time last year.

The school graduated 40 during spring commencement exercises, so an increase in the student body seems to be in the making.

300 Replies

A recent mailing to 3,000 high school juniors to suggest Clarke as their college for 1981 has already elicited 300 replies.

Other fund-raising efforts have already been successful, though the major effort will begin about July 1. This is the year for a state-wide fund drive for Clarke. The faculty and staff at the school have had such a keen interest in this effort that they have pledged \$23,000 over a three-year period on a goal of \$20,000. Some of the faculty and staff members are having their contributions deducted from their salaries.

A foundation in Newton has adopted for itself a goal of \$109,000 over the three-year period. It has raised \$15,000 in cash already.

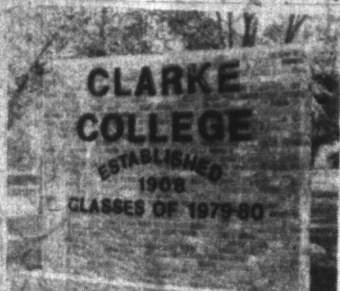
Clarke College is Mississippi Baptists' only junior college. It is located at Newton, where it has been ministering to students since 1908. It was the only Mississippi Baptist college that was founded by Baptists, but they were not Southern Baptists. They were members of the General Association of Regular Baptists. The school was named Clarke Memorial College in honor of Nathan L. Clarke, who was moderator of the general association for 50 years. He was also involved in early publishing efforts in Mississippi. The "Memorial" was dropped from the name in 1971.

A. C. Johnson, the president, sees a definite need for a Baptist junior college in Mississippi. "It provides the opportunity for the student to make the transition from high school to senior college in a Christian atmosphere," he said. "Many students are not ready socially or academically for a four-year college. At Clarke they learn what college life is all about in a smaller and less demanding setting."

Larger Class

For that reason, at Clarke, historically, the freshman class is larger than the sophomore. After one year many of the freshmen feel they are ready to move on to the four-year discipline. On the other hand, many of the Clarke students never intend to attend a four-year school. They enter Clarke to obtain the associate in arts degree offered there and stay through the two years to get it.

Of the 165 students who were enrolled this past semester at Clarke, 38 were ministerial students. There were an additional 23 who were music students preparing for a full-time music



The new sign that has been erected at the entrance to the campus.

ministry in churches. Many of these ministry students serve the small churches in the area. There are several who are pastors and others who are ministers of music.

The college has 41 former students who are on foreign fields as missionaries.

About 110 students live on the campus in the dormitories, Johnson said. He said there is room for a good many more in the dormitories. There are 10 apartment units on the campus for married ministerial students. These are kept filled, he indicated. Generally, the ministerial students are a little older than the average students, he said, and many are married.

Johnson added, "We want to be sure we provide a good Christian environment on the campus. To do this we start with the faculty. We make sure they are in agreement with our goal to provide an excellent Christian environment."

"Another goal is that we aim to help the student individually as much as possible. We are able to do this because the student-faculty ratio is low. Classes are small. This makes it possible for more individual help to be given."

Become Involved

"We encourage our students to attend church regularly and to become involved where they attend. We also place a high evaluation on our chapel services. A very sincere effort is made to provide programs through the year which will enhance the cultural and spiritual life of the students. Attendance is compulsory."

The college has disciplines in Bible, music, English, science, social studies, and pre-nursing. Bible is a required subject for all students.



A. C. Johnson, President



Officers of the Ministerial Association for the past year at Clarke College are, left to right, Rick Patrick, Joey Letchworth, James Fortenberry, Greg Williams, Tony Norris, and Barry Ward.



Huddleston Hall at Clarke College.



Standing around the new flag pole at Clarke College are the Student Body officers. They are, left to right, Annice Houston; Sidney Cook; Sue Lee; Rick Patrick; Gale Gardner; Troy Hobson, president, Student Body Association, 1980-81; Cindy Cooper, president, 1979-80; Susan Myrick; Carey Bass; Robert Mangum; Wanda Cooley; and Clay Cooley.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention took over sponsorship of Clarke College in 1913 following an appeal by its board of trustees. The convention discontinued support in 1930, and a convention-elected board of trustees assumed responsibility.

The convention reassumed responsibility for the college in 1945.

The college has had 19 presidents (one serving twice), beginning with S. B. Culpepper in 1908. Next came L. G. Gates as acting president. Those following have been M. O. Patterson, R. A. Venable, Bryan Simmons, T. A. J. Beasley, John F. Carter (twice), H. T. McLaurin, W. T. Lowrey, A. A. Roebuck, S. L. Stringer, C. Z. Holland, W. L. McMullan, Freeman S. May, J. L. Boyd, W. E. Greene, W. Lowrey Compere, S. L. Harris, and A. C. Johnson. Compere served the longest term — 22 years. The next longest term, 10 years, was served by Greene.

The college began its history as a four-year school. Its status was changed to a junior college in 1919, and it has continued to function in that capacity since.

Phil Dunaway heads the Bible faculty at Clarke, and others are Hugh Tobias and Charles Melton. During the year there are adjunct professors from time to time; many times they are local pastors.

Spiritual Emphasis

Extra-curricular activities include an annual spiritual emphasis week in the spring during which a speaker and a song leader stay on campus, visiting with the students and in the classrooms as well as conducting daily worship services. The Baptist Student Union on the campus is under the direction of J. B. Costlow, the director of religious activities.

In addition the college has intercollegiate baseball.

A campus beautification project initiated recently is supported by the Student Body Association, which is helping to raise the money that is needed. A new sign has been placed at the entrance to the campus, and rose bushes are blooming in the grassy circle around which the campus is located.

A new flag pole was dedicated April 17, and a banner that once flew over the nation's capitol flies from it. Also flying from the same pole is the Christian flag.

Lebanon Commends Killers Of The House Bill 978

The Lebanon Baptist Association in its spring session April 21, meeting at Calvary Church, Hattiesburg, adopted a resolution expressing its commendation of those who opposed House Bill 978.

The resolution was passed by unanimous vote of all messengers present at the meeting, according to Joel Ray, director of missions, and associational clerk. Thirty-four churches are affiliated with Lebanon Association, with a total membership of around 19,669 persons.

The resolution, in part, stated: "The Mississippi House of Representatives recently passed House Bill 978 which in essence sought to extend the legal sale of alcoholic beverages, namely liquor, into the Hattiesburg limits of Lamar County and also in certain unincorporated communities in Mississippi."

"The Mississippi Senate Finance Committee, after a hearing, passed and recommended to the Senate an

MC Commencement

Two To Get Honorary Degrees; Calvary Pastor Will Speak

A retired professional educator and an insurance executive will receive honorary doctorate degrees from Mississippi College during the 134th commencement exercises scheduled for Sunday, May 18, at 3 p. m. in the A. E. Wood Coliseum on campus.



William Moore Tuten, an educator in the Jackson

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Public Schools for over 22 years and an accomplished writer, will receive the honorary doctor of literature degree. Tedford C. McCullough, Jr., of Baton Rouge, La., former president and now chairman of the Board of Directors of Union National Life Insurance Company and Union National Fire Insurance Company, will be awarded the honorary doctor of laws degree.

Their recognition will come during ceremonies which will see degrees awarded to 404 individuals, including 337 undergraduates and 67 graduates. Featured commencement speaker will be Joe H. Tuten, pastor of the Cal-



McCullough

Dalehite

vary Church in Jackson and former chairman of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Worship Leaders Are Announced For June CT Leadership Retreat

Worship leaders for Church Training Leadership Retreat at Gulfshore have been announced. The speaker and Bible teacher will be Nathan Porter, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, Ark.



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Bill Bacon, minister of music, First Church, Clinton, will be the music leader for the retreat. Martha Bacon will be featured as vocalist with her husband. An instrumentalist for

the retreat, along with Mrs. Bacon, is Mrs. Irene Martin of Forest. Mrs. Martin is also a professional entertainer.

Church Training Leadership Retreat will be conducted June 26-28. Conferences will be provided for all age group leaders and general officers.

Two special features highlight the 1980 retreat. One is a conference for all associational officers. The other is a conference for those who work with mentally retarded.

The emphasis in Church Training for 1980 is the doctrine of missions. Porter brings unique insight into missions to his role as retreat preacher and Bible teacher.

He was born in Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil to missionary parents. He lived in Brazil until coming to the states to enter Baylor University. His professional career includes thirteen years on the staff of the Home Mission Board.

For eight of those years he was associate director for Missionary Personnel, while five were spent as associate director of the Division of Evangelism.

Bacon is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He is a graduate of Samford and Southwestern Theological Seminary. He has served churches in

Alabama, Texas, Kentucky and for the past four years in Clinton.

The leadership retreats begins on Thursday evening, June 26 and concludes at noon on Saturday, June 28. Reservations may be obtained by writing directly to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

A \$15.00 fee per person must accompany each request. The total cost of the retreat is \$38.50. The registration fee is applied to the total cost.



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Central Hills Baptist Retreat

Churches Of State Honor Senior Adults

By Kermit King, Director Church Training Department And Senior Adult Consultant

Fellowship activities and special programming are features of Senior Adult Day (designated as May 4) as they are being reported throughout the state.

Typical of the observances are reports from Immanuel Church, Natchez; First Church, Picayune; Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Calvary Church, Meridian; and Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale.

In Natchez five senior adults participated in the morning worship service in various capacities with one of the senior men singing "The Longer I Serve Him." Participating were Mrs. Myrtle Graves, Mrs. Hubie Nettles, Mrs. Henry Zimmerman, W. W. Kent, and Ed Carter. Dinner on the grounds was one of two major fellowship activities for the day.

Mrs. Evelyn Clinger, president of the Keenager Club at First Church, Picayune, reported their annual observance of Senior Adult week. Included was a special recognition during Family Night with senior adults leading the prayer service; use of a senior adult choir on Sunday; and the regular monthly luncheon of their club.

Temple, Hattiesburg recognized their senior adults in the morning service. These were honored with a luncheon at the church served by youth and young adults. The Sunday evening service was designated as Grandpa-

rents Night with children grades 3-6 presenting the musical "Down By The Creek Bank."

Calvary, Meridian included a Tea for senior adults preceding Church Training Sunday night and featured the officers of their Truthseekers Club on the Sunday bulletin.

Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, made it a full weekend beginning with a banquet on Friday given by the Brotherhood and WMU; special services on Saturday featuring Ramsey Pollard, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, as speaker; and a coffee given by the Rolling Along Klub at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Horton, retired pastor emeritus of the church.

North Greenville President Resigns

TIGERVILLE, S. C. (BP) — George Silver, president of North Greenville College, has resigned to become president of Ocean City College in Toms River, N. J.

Silver had been president of Southern Baptist junior college in Tigerville since August 1975. He is a native of Trenton, N. J.

Silver said North Greenville College lacks only money to accomplish its plans, "and it will take a great amount of money to assure the school's present and future." North Greenville is one of seven Southern Baptist junior colleges.

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Editorials

Two startling events . . .

May 6 was pivotal day for SBC

Tuesday of last week was a pivotal day in Southern Baptist Convention life. Two events of that day will affect SBC history. And while the two events had a relationship, there was no connection, evidently, in the fact that both occurred on Tuesday.

Both were startling. The first event to become known was the announcement on Tuesday by Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, that he will not permit his name to be placed in nomination for a second term as convention president.

The second event was an announcement on May 8 that on Tuesday during a meeting of an executive committee at First Baptist Church in Dallas, the decision was made that Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, would remove himself from participation in efforts to influence the election of the Southern Baptist Convention president.

Three years ago a group of ultra conservatives in the convention began to talk of electing Rogers as convention president. That year he declined to run. Jimmy Allen was elected. He probably would have been elected anyway. He served two terms exceptionally well. The climax of his tenure was a giant Bold Mission rally in the Astrodome in Houston during last year's convention.

Last year the talk revived on the election of Rogers. Patterson became active in leading an effort to have an ultra conservative elected, and Rogers was the first choice. It was not until 2 o'clock on the morning of the election, however, that Rogers agreed that his name could be presented. He was elected on the first ballot in a six-person race. He would have been elected regardless of the Patterson efforts.

Rogers had not been close to the inner workings of the denomination. He spent most of his efforts in behalf of his church. He was, however, active as a speaker across the convention and served as president of the Pastors' Conference. He was vocal in declaring that there had been less than conservative teaching at some of the seminaries.

He was very popular before his election as president and continued in his popularity during his term. He would have been elected for a second term.

He is a man who has not been a part of the machinery of the convention, but his popularity meant a first-ballot election in a crowded field. He said immediately on his election that there would be no witch hunts, and he kept his word. He disassociated himself from those who would continue such efforts.

In a conversation with the Baptist Record following his announcement

Rogers reiterated that it was in consideration of his ministry as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church that he had made his decision. He added that while the issues swirling about Southern Baptists had nothing to do with his decision, he hoped the decision would help to defuse the issues to some degree. His decision is noted with a bit of sadness. He was a popular president among grass roots Southern Baptists. His sincerity made him acceptable among those who had been afraid he might be too closely aligned with a pressure group. But after only a year he is saying he feels his greater service is with his church. It is difficult to argue with that.

Patterson, on the other hand, has seemed to be determined to impose his concept of Baptist theology on the convention.

He was leading a nationwide effort of those who agreed with his theology and his methods and had announced his intentions of seeking to influence the election of the president for the next four to 10 years. His place of employment, however, called a halt to his participation in the effort — on Tuesday of last week.

Surely he believed strongly in what he was doing. But the fact is that the way he was doing it was, as W. A. Criswell said, "of another world."

What will be the effect of those two events? Probably, we will go back to a

president who has been more involved in convention life. There are many excellent men of such involvement who could be named.

And, probably, the effort by ultra conservatives to influence the election will fold. It is doubtful that it can survive without Patterson. So the ship that is the convention continues to move along, somewhat on course. Efforts to distract it may prosper for awhile; but for one reason or another, they always seem to wither away.

Who should be the convention president? That question is flowing across the nation like the waves on golden grain as the wind blows across it. Who, indeed?

This paper has never engaged in proposing names to be considered. To do so is speculation. Surely there are many being mentioned in conversations and telephone calls. One seems to head everyone's list, however; and he is a Mississippian. He is Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

There is no question but that Pollard would never seek such a post. And he is a very busy man. He is the speaker on the Baptist Hour and the host on At Home with the Bible. He is a very popular speaker.

The convention, however, may find him an excellent choice.

Election of messengers . . .

A decision on procedures

The usual method of electing messengers for the Southern Baptist Convention is to ask those planning to go to raise their hands, and they are elected.

Historically, messengers are elected late and under hurried conditions. Perhaps it would be wise to give more careful attention to such an election.

After all, the messengers are the convention. The convention lasts three days, and it is over. Everything else that goes on is simply the result of decisions that are made during the convention.

Last week's Baptist Record carried on Page 2 requirements for registering

as messengers. There will be no more pre-registering by mail. All registration now must be done personally and with proper credentials.

No church is allowed more than 10 messengers. The figure for each church is based on one messenger for each and then one additional messenger for each 250 members or each

\$250 of contribution to the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. Doubtless the churches will check their records carefully and elect no more than the proper number of messengers. Any church that gives as much as \$2,250 to SBC causes, of course, is entitled to 10 messengers.

The time has come to select them.

Associational Emphasis Week . . .

We are all missionaries

It seems reasonable that everything done in the name of our Lord should be included in the category that bears the name, missions. Thus we would all be missionaries.

We all have been commissioned. We even refer to the charge that the Lord left us as the Great Commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Having been commissioned, we are therefore missionaries. This would pertain to associational missions efforts as well as those carried on in the farthest reaches of the earth.

The big difference is that we can finance the efforts of someone else who goes to the other side of the world. If a great deal is to be done in the local association, we have to get involved

personally and physically. We have to be on the scene and taking part ourselves.

In recognition of this, May 19 to 25 has been set aside on the Southern Baptist calendar as Associational Emphasis Week.

The fact of the matter, and one which we all must recognize, is that Bold Mission Thrust goals will never be accomplished unless they are accomplished in our own communities as well as across the seas.

Surely one week during the year is not enough time to get all the work done that is to be done in witnessing to an association. All the emphasis week can do is to call attention to the challenge. We then must spend the remainder of the year in seeking to go as far toward meeting the Bold Mission Thrust goal as is possible.

We who remain at home must not be the weak link in the chain of a worldwide witness. We can afford no weak links at all.

The association is the nearest organized effort in missions work that is beyond the local church. Therefore, it is the easiest in which to become involved. It is the churches working together cooperatively to win to Christ

the world that is around them.

The theme for Associational Emphasis Week is "Boldly Do Missions in Your Association."

It is a necessity if we are to "teach

Modern People News

No sex life film

Evidently there was a time when Modern People News, a publication in Franklin Park, Ill., planned to make a motion picture on the sex life of Jesus.

Petitions have continued to turn up and inquiries have continued to come into the Baptist Record office concerning this film. Last week the Baptist Record called Modern People News to get a word directly from the source. The word was that plans to make such a film were discarded two years ago.

This would indicate that protest is effective. There should be no hesitancy to protesting such a bizarre concept. In this case, however, the protest has already accomplished its purpose, and there seems to be no need to pursue it further.

Letters To The Editor

Service Academy Students

Please help the Baptist Student Union at the Air Force Academy get the word to the young men and women coming to the Academy in June 1980. We would like to meet their plane, provide transportation and housing overnight, and help them report to the Academy at the proper time.

The Home Mission Board and Colorado Baptists have been providing this ministry for 12 years. We know about some of the young people coming to the AFA, but we would like to minister to the many others who are coming that we do not know about.

If pastors, parents, friends, and the young people themselves will drop us a note with name and address, we will correspond with them to secure flight arrival times and provide further information to them.

We have a good program going through our Baptist Student Union at the Air Force Academy, and it is widely recognized; however, we need help in telling others about this ministry.

Don Gurney, Director, Baptist Student Union, 1230 North Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Human Rights In Iran

Editor:

The drawing on the March 20 editorial page, which pictured Uncle Sam praying for wisdom to make the right decisions, immediately brought the situation in Iran to mind. The United States, under the Carter administration, has tried, albeit inconsistently, to emphasize human rights in its foreign policy. This emphasis has been endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention. It seems that an application of the human rights policy would go far toward a resolution of the Iranian crisis.

In August, 1953, a CIA-backed coup put the Shah of Iran in power. For the next 26 years his principal of political, military, and economic support came from the U.S. in return for Iran's support of U.S. interests. But to the people of Iran the Shah was seen as a corrupt and oppressive ruler whose dreaded secret police were trained and equipped by the United States. The intensity of Iranian anger toward our government took the American public by surprise, but the political repression, atrocities, and increasingly extravagant wealth of the Shah at the expense of his people are all well documented.

The holding of 50 American hostages is wrong, and their safety and release

should remain a priority. But isolation of the hostage problem as the only issue involved is certain to prolong the crisis. As the public has demanded toughness from the President, he has insisted that the U.S. has nothing for which to apologize and has ignored the roots of the problem. Americans who have visited Iran or talked to Iranian students here verify that Iranians become dramatically warm, friendly, and open when understanding and sympathy with their crusade against human rights violations are expressed. Indications from Iran are that such an attitude on the part of the U.S. government would be the beginning of the end of the crisis. Is there a place for the Biblical virtues of confession and repentance in international affairs? Here, I believe, is where we as Christians and as peacemakers should make our voices heard.

It could be emphasized that past errors in policy on this issue do not reflect the will of the American people. We can urge the President to make it clear that just as we insist on the rights of the hostages, we insist on the rights of Iranians and others to self-government without interference. Rick Axtell, Student at Southern Baptist Seminary, 1208 Canterbury, Clinton, MS

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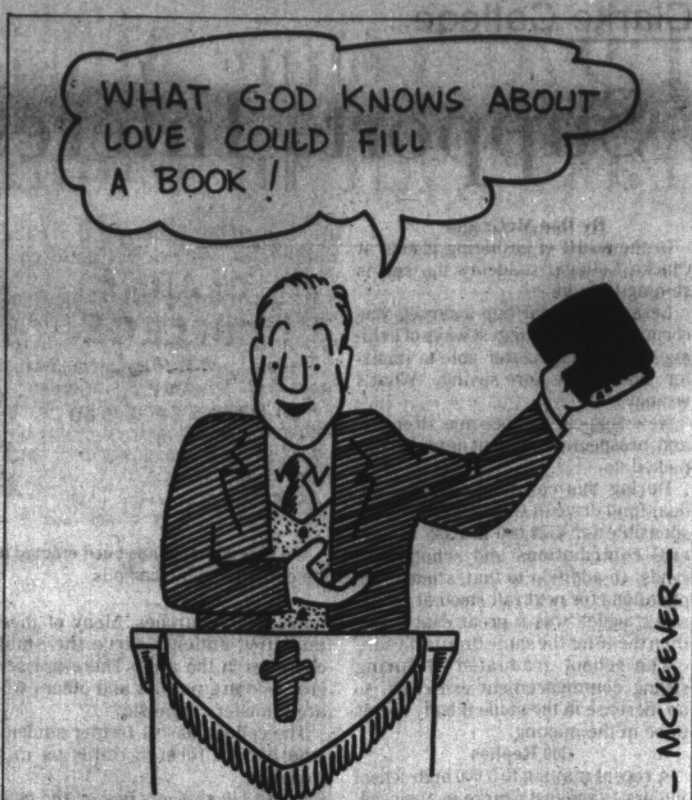
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Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Pichs Family From Cuba

On April 20 of this year I met an answered prayer.

One weekend during the winter of 1969-70, I stopped at Clarke College to pick up two students who wanted to ride to Lafayette, Ala., with me. One was Kathy Jones. The other was Rebecca Pichs, 17, newly arrived from Cuba. Rebecca said, in her then imperfect English, that her father, a Baptist pastor, was in prison in Cuba. It impressed me that so young a girl had been brave enough to leave her family, not knowing when or whether she might ever be with them again. I remember praying personally, and with a WMU group, that her father might be released, and that the family might be reunited.

Rebecca continued her studies at Clarke and then at Mississippi College, with assistance from the Home Mission Board, SBC.

I saw her occasionally at the Baptist Building, and once she visited at our house. Later I heard she was working in a lab technician at University Medical Center in Jackson.

And then on March 20 of this year a story by Art Tolston appeared in the Clarion-Ledger, about a Cuban pastor, his wife, son and, and mother-in-law, who had arrived in the States March 2. I looked at the picture accompanying the article and realized that the girl in the center of the smiling family was Rebecca Pichs! Her coming to the States over ten years ago had at last opened the way for all her family to follow.

Rebecca is a member of the Spanish congregation at Broadmoor Church; I arranged to meet her there on April 20. While she was interpreting, so that I could talk to her father and mother, I realized that I was looking at an answer to the prayers of many.

What do Cubans, new residents of the United States, like best about this country? For Guillermo Pichs, who was in a Cuban prison for five years, the answer is: "the feeling of freedom — to go where you wish and do what you please, without permission from the government."

His wife Carmen said, "In a book store here I saw Bible verses openly displayed on a wall. It's so wonderful to be able to put Scriptures up in plain sight like that!" She added that people in the States have been generous in helping her family to rebuild their lives, and that they appreciate it. "We are amazed at all the love and helpfulness that have been shown us."

Both agreed: "One thing we like best is to be with Rebecca again!" She met them in Miami at the airport on March 2, and they stayed at her Stonewall Street apartment in Jackson for almost two months. Her brother, Guillermo, and her grandmother, Mrs. America Pedrosa, also came. Now Pichs has accepted the pastorate of Lakeside, the Spanish Baptist church

in Lakeland, Fla., and will begin his work there this month.

While in Jackson, Guillermo and Carmen attended the English conversation class at Broadmoor church, taught by a group of women on Wednesday mornings. "We had a feeling there of being loved," Carmen said. And Guillermo added, "They even offered to furnish transportation for us!"

Guillermo Pichs was one of 45 Baptist pastors arrested on April 7, 1965 in what he described as Castro's effort to curb the growth of Christianity.



Carmen, Rebecca, and Guillermo Pichs, Sr., and Mrs. America Pedrosa.

At the time of his arrest he was director of the Department of Evangelism and Stewardship for the Cuban Baptist Convention and pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Church in Sagua.

In a closed trial for espionage he was falsely accused of belonging to the CIA and of committing currency violations, and was sentenced to 20 years. After he had been 38 days in jail, his family could visit for five minutes in a small room surrounded by guards. (Then Rebecca was 12 and her brother Guillermo was 10.) Afterward his family could see him once a month for about two hours. They could write each other, but their letters were censored.

Between 1965 and his release in September, 1970, Pichs was in seven different jails. He said he was treated satisfactorily, but that the jails were always crowded and the food was minimal.

Though religious services were forbidden, he said he and other pastors would try to conduct them anyway, usually during recreation periods. Once he traded a Spanish New Testament for an English one and wrote "Learn Russian" on the cover so the guards would not recognize it.

Pastors would not have been permitted to minister in jails, but as prisoners, Pichs said, they were able to give comfort and to share the gospel with other political prisoners. Guards listened. (Continued on page 5)

Book Reviews

MEETING HIM IN THE WILDERNESS

by Lois Ellen Olson (Doubleday, \$9.95, 235 pp.) Though this is the author's first book, parts of it have been published previously in Guideposts. Fed up with the city rat race, Lois and Tom Olson sold their home in Ohio, left their jobs, and moved to the wilderness town of Stehekin, Washington, accessible only by a four-hour boat ride or by seaplane. In Stehekin Tom was to teach in a one-room log school house. Mrs. Olson describes the move across country, the fixing-up of a dilapidated cabin as "home," and the grandeur of the mountain surroundings. These descriptions are powerful, but the story of the couple's inner journey is more important. Through their experiences, and God's protection in near disaster, they find a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ. Tom Olson is called to the ministry, and becomes a Methodist pastor.

prayers that Jo Petty says she has repeated since childhood. Each chapter is a supplication asking God to give us the Christian virtues extolled in the New Testament — love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, meekness, temperance, and faith. An exquisite black and white drawing illustrates the opening page of each chapter; drawings are by Martha Lindbo Heath. A nice gift book.

CATCH THE LITTLE FOXES

THAT SPOIL THE VINE by William E. Thorn (Fleming H. Revell, 121 pp., \$5.95) In entertaining, humorous examples and stories, Thorn tells how to recognize and respond to some of life's nagging problems. He encourages his reader to smile in the midst of trials, and to get rid of "those little foxes of jealousy, discouragement, laziness, selfishness, and ingratitude." The author is a popular speaker; his book is an intriguing collection of "little moral themes" based on speeches he has delivered to civic and school groups.

GOLDEN PRAYERS

by Jo Petty (Doubleday, 116 pp., \$6.95) These are

1,970 Young Musicians Take Part In Choral Festival

By Sarah Talley
Children's Music Specialist

The annual statewide Young Musicians' Choral Festival was held April 19, at the Mississippi College Coliseum in Clinton. The 1,970 attending included fourth, fifth and sixth graders, ministers of music, directors and sponsors. Around 250 attended the mass concert after lunch.

The program theme was "His Child Forever" and included the music of A. L. (Pete) Butler, Pat Ballard, and Beryl Red. Conductor for the event was Mrs. Jo Ann Butler. She and her husband Pete are from Ada, Okla., and were featured guests for the day.

Mrs. Butler is a music professor at East Central University in Ada, and

also is a clinician and writer for the Baptist publications for children's choirs.

Mr. Butler is minister of music at First Baptist Church, Ada, Oklahoma, and is a well-known composer of choral music. A. L. Butler took part in the concert by sharing with the boys and girls how and why he wrote his anthems. Mrs. Pat Ballard, from Clinton, Miss., also was a featured composer for the day.

Accompanists for the event were Mrs. Dot Pray, organist, and Mrs. Beverly Mercier, pianist. Mrs. Pray is keyboard specialist for the Church Music department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Mrs. Mer-

cier is from Immanuel Baptist Church of Cleveland.

Miss Paula Box, a ventriloquist from Dallas, Tex., talked to the boys and girls through her dummy Lester about letting Jesus come into their lives. The children sang along with Paula and Lester. She also participated in the afternoon concert.

Two awards were given for high attendance. The first was a trophy awarded to Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, for bringing 78 singers. Mrs. Charlotte McElroy accepted the award as director of that choir. Lester Mason is minister of music.

The other award was a \$50.00 check given to the rural (open country) church with the largest attending. First place winner was Mt. Zion, Columbus. Harrell Wilcox, minister of music. They have held first place for several years, so the check was given to the second place winner, Carmel Baptist Church of Monticello, with Louise Hamil, choir director, accepting the award. Clifton Williams is minister of music.

This annual event is sponsored by the Church Music department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan C. Hall, director, and is coordinated by Mrs. Sarah Talley, children's music specialist for the department.

New York (EP) — The completed Bible in Today's Chinese Version (TCV) will be published in August, 1980, according to the American Bible Society. When published, the TCV Bible will enable not only the 40 million Chinese living outside the mainland China, but the nearly one billion people living on the mainland, to have the Word of God in a common language form both easy to read and understand.

N. B. White, Deacon, Dies

Napoleon Buckley White, 71, mayor of Beauregard, Miss., died unexpectedly on March 18, at the home of his daughter in Beauregard.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., March 21, at the Wesson Baptist Church with interment in the Wesson Cemetery. Officiating were Kenneth Stringer, pastor of Wesson Church, and Roy Smith.

White had taught in the schools at Roxie, Baptist Orphanage, Sontag, Beauregard, and Wesson. He was principal of the Western Elementary School for the last 16 years before his retirement in 1974. He was a member of the Wesson Baptist Church where he was the teacher of the Men's Bible Class and a deacon. He had been a deacon in Baptist churches for 40 years and had taught Sunday School classes for 50 years. He was an ardent supporter of the BSU at Co-Lin.

He was born in the Shiloh community, Lawrence County, to the late Ezekiel and Carrie Buckley White. Survivors are his wife, Catherine English White; one son, Calvin White; one daughter, Mrs. Hollis (Sonya)



Louise Hamil, director of children's choir, Carmel Church, Monticello, receives award from Sarah Talley. Carmel was second place winner of a rural church with largest attendance.

Seminary Gets \$80,000 Violin From Virginian

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A prized violin, built by the teacher of Stradivarius and valued at \$80,000, has been given to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary by a Virginia Baptist layman.

The violin was crafted in 1732 by Vincenzo Rugeri of Cremona, Italy, and has been the cherished possession of C. S. Webb, a Baptist physician in Bowling Green, Va.

Proceeds from the sale of the authenticated instrument will be used to equip the seminary's orchestra, a part of the rapidly growing instrumental church music program at Southern Seminary. The unique program teaches ministers of music how to develop the skills of lay persons, trained in high school and college bands and orchestras, for use in worship, outreach, and missions.

Webb, who practices dentistry, is an accomplished violinist who performs regularly with symphony orchestras in Fredericksburg and Richmond, Va.

Cowen, Jr.; two grandchildren; and two brothers.

White was a graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and Mississippi College, B.A. and M.A. He was a member of the Mississippi College Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, which awarded him the honor of Compatriot in Education in 1976, and he served for 22 years as a member of the Thompson Fund Loan Committee at Mississippi College.

Memorials have been given in his name to the Baptist Children's Village, Wesson Baptist Church, Co-Lin BSU, and Mississippi College. The N. B. White Memorial Fund is being established at Mississippi College to provide track awards and student scholarships.

A friend, Eugene I. Farr, recalled, "White always answered his phone by saying, 'This is N. B. White. May I help you?' And indeed he did spend his life helping people, both young and old. He was a Christian gentleman, and had been my good friend ever since he came to teach with us at Roxie in 1931."

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Students Spend Break Doing Mission Projects

Several Baptist Student Union groups spent their Spring breaks in missions projects. The list included students from Delta State University, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, University of Mississippi, University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, and Mississippi Delta Junior College.

The Delta State group included ten students and Jimmy Breland, BSU director. They went to the Detroit area to help strengthen the work at Wayne State University and to help begin work on two other campuses. They were involved in visitation, survey, book tables, and an International Student Tea.

Ten students from Northeast went to Daytona Beach and 20 went to Southeast Ohio. The Daytona group witnessed on the beaches and is now doing follow-up with many of these by mail.

Those who went to Ohio surveyed a community for church prospects. Some did repair work on a church building and some conducted worship services, and some did campus work helping local BSU groups.

Eleven students and Ron Boswell, campus minister went from Ole Miss to Kansas City, Mo., to work with local churches in worship services and survey.

And the Southern group which went to Ohio divided into two teams, one to Miamisburg for visitation and musical performances at Miami University, the other to Cincinnati, Ohio, and Newport, Ky., for maintenance work.

The Mississippi State project was reported in an earlier Baptist Record. Students did concerts in schools in Wisconsin and actually organized a BSU at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The Mississippi Delta group took 22 students to North Dakota State University and to Moorhead State. They sang and had get-togethers with students. Two professions of faith were reported.

These groups spent \$15,000 on these projects. Thirty percent of this came out of state student missions fund, the rest was raised locally. More than 115 students were involved.

Homecomings

Mount Pisgah Church, Sand Hill, will have homecoming day on Sunday, May 25. Plans are for a regular morning service, "Dinner on the ground," and an afternoon memorial service. W. T. Dixon, Jr. is pastor.

Jasper Collins, pastor of Edna Church, states that the church will hold homecoming, Sunday, May 25.

Sunday School will begin at 10 and morning worship at 11. Crawford Williams, pastor of First Church, Tallulah, La., will be guest speaker for morning worship. Williams was pastor at Edna while attending New Orleans Seminary.

The church will serve dinner in the fellowship hall. Other activities will include singing from 2 to 3 p.m.

County Line Church, Copiah County, Roger Stacy, pastor, will have homecoming day on May 25. M. Wayne Griffith, pastor of Lyon Church will bring the message for the 11 A.M. service. A love offering will be taken for maintenance of the cemetery.

Concord Church, Franklin County, will have homecoming day on Sunday, May 25. Mike Howell, pastor, will preach at the morning worship service which will begin at 11. Sunday School will start at 10.

Dinner will be served at the church at 1:15, will be devoted to discussion of the cemetery and other business. Spical music and gospel singing will also be a part of the program.

Crooked Creek Church near Silver Creek will have homecoming day on Sunday, May 25. Leonard Walters, who recently accepted the pastorate of

the church, will bring the morning message. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11, followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. The afternoon service will feature the Pearl Quartet and brief messages by former pastors.

Pine Hill Church, Clarke County, will have homecoming on Sunday, May 18. Services will begin with Sunday School at 10, and continue with worship service at 11 and a covered dish lunch in fellowship hall. Kenneth Overby will speak. Hubert Gables will lead the singing. Overby was born and grew up in the Pine Hill community. Herman Clark of State Line is pastor.

Revival Dates

Union Church, Puckett: homecoming May 18 with worship service at 10:45 a.m., lunch served at noon; and singing after lunch; revival: May 19-23; Perry Simpson, pastor, preaching; Sammy Neely, song leader; 7:30 p.m.

Arlington Heights, Pascagoula: May 14-18; Larry Walker, staff evangelist, First Church, Dallas, Tex., evangelist; Dan Hall, director, Church Music department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, guest musician; Howard Taylor, pastor.

Emmanuel Church, Jackson: May 18-23; homecoming, May 18; Sunday service at 11 a.m. with dinner served in the Family Life Center at 12; Sunday night service at 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, James Messer from Louin Church; minister of music, Alan Jones; pastor, Huey Pinson.

The Pichs Family . . .

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tened constantly, but still Christians found ways to communicate their faith, he said.

Meanwhile his family went to Havana to live with Mrs. America Pedrosa, Carmen's mother, who had always been a source of strength.

After his release, Pichs worked in various churches, interrupted by periods when the government would assign him to agricultural work in the fields. Though he could preach, he was not allowed by the government to receive a salary from a church, because of his former imprisonment.

For years Cuba's west was served by Southern Baptist missionaries and the east by American Baptist missionaries. However, Pichs said, the Baptists of both sections are now united in their work, with about 6,000 Baptists in the west and about 7,000 in the east. "The Baptist Convention still exists, and so does the Baptist seminary."

But because it is so difficult to have religious meetings, people become discouraged and quit trying, or eventually stop going to them, he said. Permission must be gained from the government for a church-related meeting. Sometimes the government grants the permission; sometimes

they don't. Sometimes they say yes, and at the last minute change their minds.

"Only the most committed of Christians will profess their faith," he said, "for fear of having their government-granted living and working conditions affected."

But in spite of these pressures and difficulties, and a lack of Bibles, the Christian work "is still being carried on by pastors who were never imprisoned." He said that no Baptist ministers are currently prisoners in Cuba. And he added, "Castro's regime has not taken a desire to look to God from the Cuban people, including the young people."

His son, Guillermo, wanted to be a doctor, but was assigned to a program in occupational therapy. He hopes to find work in Lakeland, Fla.

Rebecca said she called her parents in 1970, when her father was released, but could not talk to them again by phone until five years after that. "Oh, I was so homesick!" she remembers. For the last few years she has talked to them regularly by phone.

What do they miss most in Cuba? The tears come to Carmen's eyes as she says — "The people in our church there — and our relatives — but it is worth all we will miss, just to know the feeling of freedom."

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Mississippi gifts to Foreign Missions Week of Prayer (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering) are listed as received from May 1, 1979 through April 30, 1980 with 1,906 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$2,522,063.30

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Names In The News...

David Grimsley, minister of music and youth, Highland, Vicksburg, will be in a crusade on the Bermuda Islands, May 16-25. He was chosen by the Foreign Mission Board for this mission endeavor. "Highland church is supporting him with funds and prayers as he goes to Bermuda for this evangelism crusade," states Ray Ming, pastor.

Mary Pimm Moore, a native of Florida and one of the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile died in Santiago, April 25. Mrs. Moore, 85, retired in 1964 after more than 44 years of missionary service in Chile. She and her husband Cecil, appointed in 1919, were the second couple to be appointed as Southern Baptist missionaries there. She helped found the Chilean Woman's Missionary Union, served as its executive secretary-treasurer for 24 years, and began a WMU publications program that provided Spanish literature for Baptist women's organizations in more than 20 countries. The Moores lived in Concepcion from their appointment until 1934, then spent 16 years in Temuco, and in 1950 moved to Santiago, where they have remained except for three years spent in the United States immediately following retirement.

A funeral service was scheduled for April 27 in Santiago. Survivors include her husband and six children.

Dorothy Vaughan, wife of Southwestern Seminary professor W. Curtis Vaughan, died April 30 following an illness of several months. She was 54. The former Dorothy Marian Withers of Point Pleasant, W. Va., was a graduate of the University of Virginia and Southwestern Seminary. Survivors include her husband, a member of the seminary faculty since 1950, two sons, a daughter, one grandchild, her mother and two brothers.

South McComb Church ordained Jimmy Moore to the ministry on Sunday, April 13.

Scott Pace, minister of music and activities at Friendship Church, McComb, married Cindy Gardner at First Church, Summit at 7 p.m. on May 9.

Tom Hall, pastor of Trinity Church, Gulfport, is recuperating at home, following a heart attack.

Bay Vista Church, Gulf Coast, recently licensed three men to the gospel ministry: Richard Gonzalez, Dewey Wise, and Eddie Hilderbrand.

Victor Koon, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary to China and Hawaii, died April 29 in Honolulu. He was 79. Funeral services were to be held May 4 at Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1925, Koon and his wife, the former Aurora Lee Hargrove of New Haven, Conn., spent 15 years in China. He did evangelistic work in Chong-sien and in Harbin, Manchuria.

Transferred to Hawaii, Koon became the first treasurer of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, From 1949 to 1959 he was the convention's executive secretary. He was a native of Texas.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, and a son.



Clara, First Church (Wayne) honored Mrs. N. L. Shoemaker, Sr. recently on her 93rd birthday. Mrs. Shoemaker, pictured left, is the oldest member of that church. Presenting her with a silver tray is Billy Ray Blackwell, her pastor. The tray and a money corsage were gifts from the congregation. The tray was inscribed "Happy Birthday, Mrs. Shoemaker, Thanks for your Christian life with us at First Baptist Church, Clara, 2/25/80."

Known as "Mrs. Mattie," she has been a member of the Clara Church for 63 years. Her late husband was a charter member of the church, organized in 1911. However, she was a charter member of the Clara Methodist Church before she married. In good health, she attends church every time it meets, as well as WMU and associational meetings.

All four of her children were present for this honor. They are N. L. Shoemaker, Jr., Mrs. Katherine Carter and Mrs. Orpha Carroll of Clara and Mrs. Wilda Bishop of Laurel. Mrs. Shoemaker said that she remembers the Clara church from its beginning and has seen the many changes it has encountered, including going from quarter to half and half to full time.

Murray Hux, Rt. 2, Collins, had open heart surgery Friday, May 9, at Veterans Administration Medical Center, Little Rock, Ark. Pastor of Coyt Church, Rt. 2, Waynesboro for 12 years, he has been out of the pulpit since a heart attack Dec. 13, 1973.

Cheryl Prewitt, Miss America, will be a guest at the youth banquet June 3 at First Church, Magee.

Mike Jones has resigned as associate editor of the Christian Index, Georgia Baptist news magazine, to take advantage of some short-term vocational and missions opportunities. Jones, 31, had been associate since December 1978. A bachelor, he plans to work on the summer staff at Gloria Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico.

Staff Changes

Olivet Church, Gulf Coast has called Larry G. Hill as pastor. A native of New Albany, Hill has been pastor in Mississippi since 1967. He moved to Olivet from Antioch Church, Columbus. He has a B.A. degree from Blue Mountain and is now a senior at New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife Anita have three sons.

J. E. Sims has resigned as minister of music and youth at East End Church, Columbus and has accepted a position as minister of music at First Church, Tupelo.

James Fletcher has been called as pastor of Lakeview Mission, Lowndes County. Land has been bought for the new mission site.

John Vernon has resigned as music-education director at First, Magnolia.

W. C. Burns has resigned as pastor of Tangipahoa Church to become pastor of Calvary Church, Bogalusa, La.

Arlington Heights, Pascagoula has extended a call to Randy Cuchens to serve as minister of music-youth. A graduate of the University of Southern Miss., he will graduate from the New Orleans Seminary in May.

Kreole Avenue, Jackson County, has extended a call to Dan Hembree as pastor. Hembree and his wife, Annette, have five children at home. They will be going from the Pleasant Hill Church in Greene County.



Swiftwater announces open house

Swiftwater Church held an open house Sunday, May 18, from 2 until 4 p.m., to dedicate the newly constructed pastorium. The pastorium is near the church which is six miles south of Greenville in Washington County.

Ground breaking took place September 18, 1979. The pastor, Walter Simmons and his family moved into their new home February 28. With 1412 square feet, the home is brick. It has three bedrooms, two full baths, living room, and kitchen and dining area combination. It has central air and heat, automatic dishwasher, wall to wall carpet, and drapes. The cost was \$45,000, with only \$20,000 borrowed. A considerable amount was saved by volunteer labor by men in the church.

Building committee members were Billy Burton, James Smith, Tommy Cherry, Billy Greenway, Annie Edney, and Edna Bagley.

Main Singers On Tour In New Jersey

Main Singers of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, left on a mission tour to Colts Neck, New Jersey, May 8. Each student is paying his or her own way.

The group will be out of the state for ten days. During a revival at Colts Neck they will be in charge of the music each night. Also they are to do survey work in the community, as well as present two concerts on some days. They expected to sing for two hours on a large college campus.

Wednesday, May 14, they are to sing in New York at the "Wallin' Walls," where many United Nations delegates eat lunch.

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Just For The Record...



SOUTH NETTLETON CHURCH held a dedication ceremony March 30 for its new education building. Speakers were Roger Dorsett, the Monroe County director of missions, and the pastor, Paul Hill. Tommy Peters, education director, led in the prayer of dedication. The interior of the 3,000 sq ft structure was built by the men of the church. The building has classrooms, bathrooms, a kitchen, and a fellowship hall.

Honduran Revivals Bring 1,000 Decisions

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Recent simultaneous revivals of Honduras brought 547 first-time decisions

Crystal Springs Will Recognize Baseball Teams

First Church, Crystal Springs, will recognize all the Church's Youth Baseball Team, Sunday, May 18, at 10:55 a.m.

The purpose of Team Day is to provide a sense of commitment on the part of the coaches and youth to practice good sportsmanship; therefore, a prayer of commitment will be offered for these youths to lead out for Christ. Each team will be recognized briefly during the service, and the Youth Baseball Commissioner will share the philosophy of the youth baseball teams' organization.

Bill Perry, Scout for the Philadelphia Phillies, will be the guest speaker at the morning service. Perry was formerly Forest Hill High School coach and, then, baseball coach at Mississippi College. He is a resident of Jackson. Perry will share what Christ has meant to him in his life and to his involvement in baseball.

Every youth associated with the Crystal Springs baseball teams is invited to be a part of Team Day at the church.

to follow Christ as well as 480 other decisions.

All 31 churches of the Honduras Baptist Convention participated. So far, 32 people have been baptized.

Five musicians and 15 preachers from Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, and the United States led in the two-week evangelistic effort, entitled Liberation Here!

Funds for the simultaneous effort came from the Honduras Baptist Convention and a special grant of \$10,000 from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Honduran Baptists hope to win 4,000 persons to Christ, baptize 2,000, and distribute 20,000 Bibles in a two-year evangelistic thrust which began last year.

Attalans Give To Iowa Work

The Executive Board of the Attalta Association, on recommendation of the associational missions committee, voted at its April meeting to send \$500 to Bob Woods, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hartford, Iowa.

Woods and his family recently moved to Iowa from Kosciusko, where they were members of Second Baptist Church. He is in Hartford as a bi-vocational pastor.

The trouble with the future is that it usually arrives before we're ready for it. — Arnold H. Glasow

Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale is renovating its old sanctuary, at an estimated cost of \$25,000. Bob Sanderson is the pastor.

Golonka Speaks At W. Corinth

In an associational meeting held at West Corinth Church, Alcorn Baptists heard Elias Golonka, missionary to the United Nations, speak.

Golonka has worked for the Baptist Convention of New York and the Home Mission Board since 1974. He explained his ministry by saying, "If we are going to evangelize the world, we must evangelize its leaders. I am concentrating on the Communist leaders because one third of the world's population from Peking to Berlin is under their influence."

Golonka's personal goal, he said, is to establish a contact with each U. N. delegation and share the scriptures with them, and to share his "born again" experience and the Bible with the two-million internationalists in New York. A Polish immigrant, he speaks fluently in 10 languages.

After Golonka spoke, the associational Baptist Young Women were in charge of fellowship and refreshments. Those attending had the opportunity to talk to Golonka and his wife Nancy.

Golonka also spoke at the Tate Street Church and the Oakland Church during his visit to Corinth.

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USM BSU Gives A Party

A Wheelbarrow For A Farmer

By Patty Lea

"Louie is love" was the theme of a reception held over a year ago now, in honor of Louie Farmer, Jr., Baptist Student Union (BSU) director at the University of Southern Mississippi. That was in celebration of his 25th anniversary at BSU-USM.

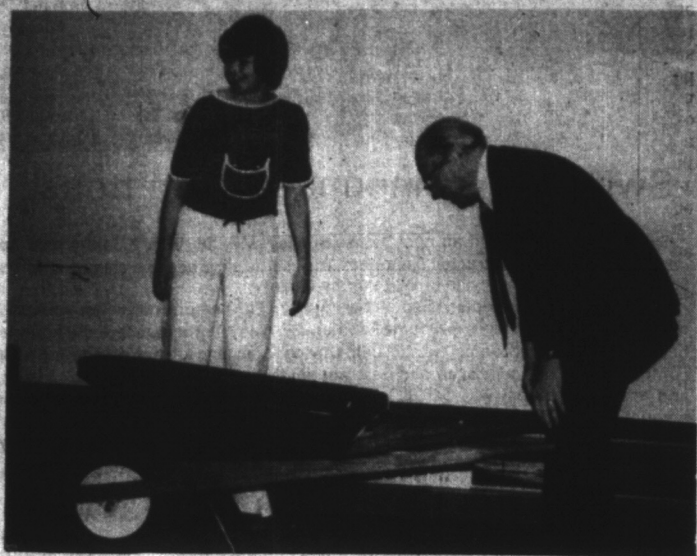
Louie has recently begun his 27th and his last year in this position. His resignation becomes effective August 31, 1980, when he will retire. Though he will continue in his work throughout the summer, BSU students chose to dedicate their last scheduled meeting of the semester, May 1, to say good-bye to Bro. Louie, and "We love you!"

"Louie is love" — how fitting. The Bible teaches that "God is love," and no, Louie is not God. Rather, Louie is love because he is a man who lets God love through him.

One student recalls, "I remember when I first met Brother Louie, and he asked me to come talk to him for just a minute. I was well warned, 'You'll be in there for an hour,' and sure enough I was. At the time, I felt he was hard to get away from, and now, well, I still feel it's hard to get away from him or leave him." Why? "Because, as I've gotten to know him over the past two years, he has shown me so much. He has shared so much of himself and so much of BSU. I feel like now sometimes that I take too much of his time."

Students often kid Brother Louie about his "brief" conferences, but he simply says, "You don't have to entertain me." He says, although he enjoys talking and sharing, if you've said what you need to say and done what you need to do, then don't hesitate to get up and leave because "I can talk all day." They agree, though, that Brother Louie is "never too busy" to share with or listen to anyone who wants to see him.

Earlier this year at the state BSU Leadership Training Conference, State BSU director, Jerry Merriman, described Louie as "one of the most genuine Christians I've ever met." Mr. Merriman again, at the meeting on May 1, shared his belief that throughout the New Testament "our Lord encouraged faithfulness in service." He said he believed that the way an individual uses what God has given to him, that is, the extent to which one is "faithful with the Lord" is "the hallmark of success." He said of Brother Louie's 34 years in student work, "He has given himself" to the Lord, to his vocation, to the students. Another guest, Anne McWilliams, Baptist Record editorial associate,



Farmer tries out new wheelbarrow (Patty Lea in background).

said she met Brother Louie in 1955, and somehow acquired "a case of admiration for him that I haven't recovered from yet." She shared how he, as a man of prayer, led her and others to depend on God in all things.

From a student perspective, senior nursing student Cindi Gardner shared thoughts of Brother Louie, his wisdom, creativity, leadership, and sense of humor. She said, though, that a person could have all of these qualities and still not have the love that Brother Louie has shown. She concluded, "It's the quality of friendship" that makes Brother Louie special. "He's been our friend. He reached out to us in a special way, and he's called us each his friend."

Aubrey K. Lucas, president of the University of Southern Mississippi, said, "I didn't come with any prepared remarks, but when the topic is Louie, you don't need them." He said Louie is steady, constant, and consistent in his Christian life and in his friendship. "His program is sure."

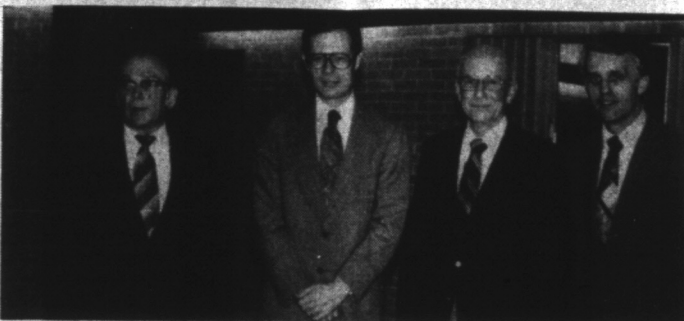
His program for 26 years at BSU-USM has been sure, and it has touched the lives of hundreds of students. As an expression of their love and as a way of saying "Thank you," the 1979-80 students of BSU-USM presented to him a wheelbarrow "to use in your retirement and to remember us as you do," a wheelbarrow for a Farmer.

Brother Louie, in conclusion of the program, shared this thought, this hope, "If you give God a chance, He'll take care of you" — one day at a time.

(Patty Lea is BSU president at USM for 1980-81.)



Louie and Etta Farmer.



Left to right are Louie Farmer; Aubrey Lucas, president of USM; John Barnes, pastor, Main Street, Hattiesburg; and Jerry Merriman, director, state Department of Student Work.



Farmer cuts a cake inscribed, "Brother Louie, We Love You — BSU." (Photos by Anne McWilliams.)

One Found Guilty In Douglass Death

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — One of two men charged with the murders of a Southern Baptist pastor and his wife has been found guilty and sentenced to die.

Steven Keith Hatch, an itinerant oil field worker, was found guilty of murder in the deaths of Richard and Marilyn Douglass in their rural home Oct. 15, 1979. He was given the death sentence for each murder and was sentenced to 90 years in prison for aggravated assaults on the Douglass children who were wounded.

Co-defendant Glen Burton Ake, 24, was ruled insane and unfit to stand trial. He is undergoing treatment in a mental hospital in northeast Oklahoma.

Douglass was pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church. He and his wife had been foreign missionaries to Brazil.

District Judge Floyd Martin, a Southern Baptist and member of First Baptist Church, El Reno, was judge

and jury. Hatch was requested a no-jury trial.

Hatch, 26, denied that he shot the Douglasses during a robbery attempt which netted about \$50. He claims that he was outside the home when Ake shot each member of the Douglass family, all of whom were bound and gagged.

Oklahoma law provides that any participant in an armed robbery in which death occurs is guilty of murder, which carries an automatic death penalty by lethal injection. The conviction will be appealed. Ake will stand trial if he's ever ruled competent to do so.

Prosecuting attorney Earl Goerke said during the trial that the Douglasses were "killed for nothing more than being good, fine Christian people."

Leslie Douglass, 13, is living with relatives and attending school out of town. Brooks, 16, will graduate from Putnam City High School in the Spring.

Devotional

Wearing Labels

By Wayne Long, Pastor, First, Lambert
And the Lord set a mark upon Cain . . . (Genesis 4:16).

The following story appeared recently in Reader's Digest: "Shortly after my husband entered the Navy to begin his training in anesthesiology, I consulted one of the Navy doctors. I didn't catch his name when he introduced himself and was relieved to see it printed over the breast pocket of his white coat. I addressed him as 'Dr. Small' thereafter. Imagine my embarrassment when my six-foot-two-inch doctor husband came in, wearing his white coat. There was a name printed over his pocket, too — 'Ex. Large.'"

Labels are very prominent today. There was a time when anyone would have been embarrassed for a manufacturer's label to be seen on the clothing being worn. Today the trend among youth is to display such labels prominently.

Each of us is wearing labels each day. Some are more easily recognized than others, but the most important ones are the ones God has given each of us. Which of God's labels are you wearing?

Are you labeled SINNER? Of course we realize we are all sinners, but some are condemned sinners awaiting an eternity of punishment for sins. Have you still not yet surrendered your sin and your life to Jesus Christ? We must realize that this label will be our downfall unless something is done. Only Jesus can change this label to read, "Saved."

Are you labeled SAINT? A saint is simply a person who has trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of his life. Do you know for sure that you are saved today? John said, "These things have I written unto you that ye may know that ye have eternal life . . ." (I John 5:13). We should be saved and know it for sure.

Are you labeled STRAYED? There are far too many saints today who have strayed from God, usually quite unintentionally. We stray away like sheep. A sheep will wander to one clump of grass a short distance from the flock. Then it will see another clump of grass just a bit further and go there. After gradually straying away, it will suddenly realize that the flock and the shepherd are far away. In such instances, remember, the shepherd did not leave you; you left the shepherd.

So today, God has labeled you either Sinner, Saint, or Strayed. Examine yourself and make things right!



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In The Wilderness

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Numbers 15:1-21:35

The last lesson closed with the defeat of Israel by enemies in the wilderness. The defeat was a direct consequence of the disobedience of the children of Israel. Defeat is always the consequence of disobedience.

I. Experiences In The Wilderness Of Paraa (Numbers 15:1-20:13)
Miscellaneous laws relating to officers and sacrifices make up the basic content of this section of scripture.

1. Laws For The Promised Land (Numbers 15:1-21:35)

The first 21 verses are guidelines for worship. Although differing in detail from the guidelines in Leviticus, the guidelines have the same regulatory character as Leviticus. The guidelines specify the attendant offerings required with the major sacrifices. These offerings had three major ingredients — fine flour, oil, and wine. The quantity of the offering varied with the type of sacrifice.

A stranger living among Israel could sacrifice but he had to do so according to the same regulations as the Israelites. Also, when persons ate the food of the land it was required that they make an offering unto the Lord. This would say, even in the Old Testament, the way to God was the same for all. Israel did not come in a way different from the stranger.

It has always been thus. There are not numerous ways to God. God established the way unto Himself. He has established there is only one name under heaven given among men whereby you must be saved. We know that name to be Jesus. There is no other way.

Violating the Lord's day is dealt with in 15:32-36. The seriousness with which Israel accepted covenant requirements is shown clearly in the stoning of a man found picking up sticks on the Sabbath. While no one today would suppose death for the violation of the Sabbath, this, nevertheless, indicates the seriousness with which Israel was expected to take the matter of Sabbath breaking.

God spoke to Moses instructing him to have the people prepared to remember His commands, 15:37-41. They were to wear tassels with a cord of blue on the corners of their garments.

2. Priestly Authority (Numbers 16:1-17:13)

In dealing with this section of scripture one must attempt to keep a balance. It is necessary to say at the very outset that all the people of God are, indeed, the people of God. Every person who is indeed a child of God is also a minister. On the other hand, it is necessary to point out that God also selects ministers and places them over the other ministers of the congregation. That is to say, in our Baptist church the pastor is considered the shepherd. All other ministers in the congregation, both members of the staff and members of the congregation, are under his direction and spiritual authority. In saying this, it should not be taken that there is a conflict. On the contrary, God's system of relationships is the only workable system for the church.

Chapter 16 is a narrative which describes the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. This seriousness of this rebellion is clearly reflected in that 250 well-known men rose up against Aaron and Moses.

The fundamental issue was between the priests and the Levites. Aaron's family was of the Levite tribe. The family of Aaron had been chosen to be the priestly family. The other Levites became jealous and opposed Aaron's family having this place of superiority. On other occasions Moses had responded with grace and compassion; however, in the case of rebellion his response was one of anger.

The rebellion was directed against Moses as a prince, but more than Moses was involved. The purpose and progress of the people of God in going to the promised land was the issue that was at stake. The punishment God inflicted was that three mentioned and their families were swallowed up in the earth and destroyed. The 250 men who had offered incense were burned up with fire. Israel learned a great lesson here. They learned that only the people chosen by God Himself should approach the tabernacle and offer atonement for the people in a priestly fashion.

This did not end the situation. After these three family groups were destroyed with something that appeared to be perhaps an earthquake and the 250 were destroyed by fire, the people of the congregation accused Moses of killing the Lord's people. The Lord Himself responded in such anger He

was about to destroy the people. Moses interceded in behalf of the people. He sent Aaron out into the congregation to make an atonement. However, by the time Aaron could get among the people to make atonement, numerous 14,700 of the congregation had died.

Chapter 17 validates Aaron and his family as the priestly family. God refutes these complainers and authenticates the ministry of Aaron. He does so through the use of twelve rods. He causes the rod of Aaron to bud as a testimony that, indeed, He has chosen Aaron as the priest and the family of Aaron as the priestly family. The proof through the rod seems to have finally satisfied the people. They began to acknowledge their sinfulness and admit that they, indeed, are perishing.

3. Provisions Belonging To The Priests (Numbers 18:1-32)

The Levites and the priests are to share in the ministry of reconciliation. The people of Israel are to provide for their ministry.

4. Miriam's Death and the Water of Meribah (Numbers 20:1-13)
One writer has pointed out that probably Miriam was approximately ten years old at the birth of her brother Moses. Therefore, she would have been about 130 years old at death.

The verses beginning in Verse 2 indicate the tragic disobedience of Moses and the judgment of God. The people of Israel had moved from the semi-oasis area into the parched, waterless desert country. All of the water supply had been exhausted. The people were thirsty. They were angry. They were complaining, and they were griping. God sent Moses and Aaron to gather before a rock and assemble the children of Israel.

God instructed Moses to speak to the rock and water would come forth. Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his rod twice and water came forth abundantly. Moses had disobeyed God. This may seem like a simple thing, but for God's leader to deliberately disobey Him was not a simple matter. The judgment of God on Moses and Aaron clearly identifies this as a serious matter. He says that neither Moses nor Aaron will lead the people into the promised land.

II. The Final March Out Of The Wilderness (Numbers 20:14-21:35)

Sustained by God, Israel overcame the obstacles in the pathway to the successful conclusion of a dream. The dream was freedom.

Life and Work Lesson

The Dignity Of Work

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Genesis 2:15; Exodus 20:9; Proverbs 18:9; John 5:15; Ephesians 4:28, 6:5-8; II Thessalonians 3:6-12

Work was a part of God's creation. Through work God created the world and the things in the world. It is clear from Scripture (Genesis 2:5) that God intended man to work even before the fall. Therefore, God did not assign work as a part of the curse on man because of sin. God had planned work both for Himself and man from the beginning. Man's ability and capacity to work may be a part of God's image which he bears. In Genesis 2:15, God assigns Adam the responsibility of tilling the soil in the garden. Thus Genesis teaches the dignity of work in the original creation.

I. Work Is Commanded by God (Exodus 20:9)

The whole week was symbolically compressed into one day, the Sabbath, and dedicated to the Lord. By refraining from his own efforts on that day, man effectually recognized divine ownership. Thus, all time belonged to God, as did the whole of creation. Yet six days God commanded men to work. Work is an honorable part of life. In these six days man is to do all the necessary work. This command to work also implies a prohibition. That is the seventh day shall be the Sabbath.

III. Arad's Defeat And Destruction
IV. The Brass Serpent (Numbers 21:4-9)

Israel again is complaining because of their circumstances. They accuse Moses of bringing them out of Egypt to die in the wilderness. There seems to be no food and no water. They do not like the food that they have. Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people. They bit the people and many of the people died. The people then came to Moses confessing their sins and asking that Moses pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents. God instructed Moses to have a fiery serpent made, set it on a pole, and instruct all who would live to look at it. When they looked at the fiery serpent on the pole, they indeed lived. John 3:14-15 reminds us that as the serpent was lifted up in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

and, this day shall be kept holy. Through this command God gives direction both for work and rest.

II. Failure to Work Produces Slothfulness (Proverbs 18:9)

Honest work is presented in Proverbs as a virtue. A slothful worker becomes a brother to a waster. Actually failure to work honestly results in destruction in some valuables for life. So the slack worker is a brother to one who destroys or a master of destruction. Brother here means companion. It further means in this context that one has the sense of belonging to the same class and sharing the same nature of a destroyer.

A man who does his work in some sort of way, but not heartily and diligently, as one who knows that labor is not only a duty and necessity, but a means of sanctification, a training for a higher life, has not understood honest work. This kind of person will become a waster of his property by reckless expenditure, and sometimes this person will develop an attitude of delighting in such destruction to the end that he will find a morbid pleasure in havoc and ruin.

III. Work Is A Divine Attribute (John 5:17)

Jesus was not only suggesting that the Father was working with him in all the actions performed during this earthly ministry, he was also saying that the Father had been working with him and he with the Father in all their actions previously. In other words, Jesus was turning the mind of his Jewish listeners back to God's work from the beginning of creation, and he was claiming to have a part of that work also.

Jesus in saying that God still works; and, as God incarnate, He is still working. He works as the Father works. Those two were in on creation and the giving of the law and both still work. Therefore, work is a divine attribute.

IV. Work Honors God (Ephesians 4:28; 6:5-8)

The thief lives by the labor of others, but the Christian is to live by his own labor. Honest labor, an occupation in a worthy calling, is a part of the Christian life. This honors God. It is also well to remember that our labor is not to be regarded for our own good only, but that there may be a means for doing good to others. Thus, our labor becomes a part of our Christian ministry.

The Christian's work should be a labor of love. The one will be able to express integrity of character through his work. The work of the believer should be done "as to the Lord." In so doing one is able to express the values and virtues of Christ in his work, and the result of this will be to honor God. Scripture teaches that believers should do all for the glory of God. Actually the glory of God has to do with God's reputation. Therefore, the work of a Christian reflects the reputation of God. In his light, the work of Christians should be honest, thorough, and dependable in order that it may truly bring honor to God.

V. Failure to Work Brings God's Judgment (II Thessalonians 3:6-12).

It seems that some believers in Thessalonica thought Christ would soon return, and they wanted the rich to share their riches so that they would not have to work. This brings swift judgment. The disorderly brother is pictured as a soldier who is out of line, who lives his proper place in the ranks, and is subordinate. The command is given in verse 6 to correct this action. The purpose of this command from Christ is to make the disorderly brother ashamed so that he will forsake his wrong action. But it also instructs the congregation how to separate such a one from the fellowship if needed.

The writer encourages that they follow his example. First, that they might not be a burden to their fellow believers, and second, that they may rightly represent God by honest work. While the writer states that he had a right to live off others' labor, he chose not to do it.

Verse 10 states judgment upon the non-worker. If one fails to work, do not let him eat. Surely those who were unable to work were entitled to support; those who refused to work even if they alleged religious pretenses, should not be maintained by the charity of their brethren. This truth abolishes all false asceticism, all unchristian disinclination to work, and fanatic exaltation above work, and all self-inflicted pauperism.

There is virtue in honest work. Work has its origin in God. God commands that we work. Man is made in God's image and is capable of productive, creative and useful work. This will enable man to have his needs met and also remove idleness from his life.

